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Applicant : Marc Alan Robinson  
Appl. No. : 10/815,963  
Filed : March 31, 2004  
For : SILVER-PLATINUM ALLOY  
AND METHODS OF  
MANUFACTURING SAME  
Examiner : Unknown  
Group Art Unit : 1742

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER

37 C.F.R. § 1.102 AND M.P.E.P § 708.02[II]

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Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 AND M.P.E.P § 708.02[II], Applicant hereby petitions to make special the above-identified application in order to advance its examination in the Patent and Trademark Office. The application has not yet received any examination.

Applicant is filing the petition on grounds that there is an infringing product actually on the market. The infringing product is a silver-platinum metal alloy currently manufactured and marketed by United Precisions Metal Refining Inc. The product is currently marketed under the name "New Age Sterling Silver". A rigid comparison of the composition of the New Age Sterling Silver alloy with the claims of the application has been made, and that, Applicant is of the opinion that some of the claims are unquestionably infringed.

In particular, Applicant believes that the New Age Sterling Silver alloy directly reads on Claims 1, 5, and 9-11 of the above-identified application. For instance, Applicant believes that the New Age Sterling Silver alloy contains every element of Claim 1 including a silver alloy composition comprising about 90% - 95.5% silver and about 0.5%-6% platinum by weight,

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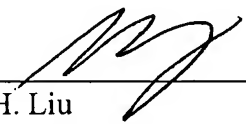
wherein the platinum is effective to provide the silver alloy with greater light reflectivity and tarnish resistance as compared to sterling silver alloy that does not incorporate platinum.

A check for the payment of the fee of \$130.00 under C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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